

HEISEY'S GYPSY WANDERINGS

REPORT FOR JULY 2017

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July, in a word, has been HOT! It has been over 100 degrees with no rain for a lot of the month. Last year we were so spoiled by the cooler (relatively speaking!) weather. But it has been a most wonderful and busy July as well.

We had three days of Bible school for the children, which is always a highlight of the summer. The first day was a little wild and discouraging but the next night was better as more paid attention and were interested in listening and learning. The third night was not as good as the second but not as bad as the first! We had over 40 children each night. We had some adults come also (they left after the puppets were done singing!) We had crafts and games and a missionary story, as well as a lesson from the Bible on sin and its consequences for Adam and Eve and for us.

We also started school classes this month for children 4-13. We have a total of 26 enrolled, though they don't all come at the same time. Our biggest week was 21 kids. They are, for the most part, pretty well behaved and we've been pleasantly surprised at their progress and desire to learn. We pray that their desire carries over to spiritual things, which, of course, we integrate into our school lessons as well. This is just another opportunity to get to know the children, spend time with them and also talk to their parents. Parents love to hear how well their children are doing in school so we try to encourage them as much as possible.

Our regular services are about the same. Pray for Mariana's health—her back is a big problem for her and her 20+ years of street sweeping has caught up with her. Pray for her to continue to be faithful to services and faithful in her life and testimony in the village. Ana has come a few times (unsaved Ana) and still doesn't realize her need for a Savior. Please pray for her. Lusi came a few times with Emanuel and they enjoy their time with us. Pray they will be more faithful.

A few weeks ago, the mayor of our village visited the Gypsy neighborhood. Their 'homes' are all constructed illegally and he told them that all of them (31+ houses) would need to be demolished. Theoretically, this will not be for another two years. The land they occupy is private property. He promised he would find a spot nearby to help them build homes in which to live. There are funds allocated from the European Union for this type of project, so please pray about all of this and that the Lord would direct us as to what His will for us is.

Thank you for your prayers for us—God bless you as you serve Him.

Your Servants,

Pete and Julie Heisey and Larisa

